

consultant to various campaigns," reveals his stunning election theft strategies and view that "election fraud is more the rule than the exception."

The Democrat election theft expert steals elections at nursing homes, stating: "Hitting up assisted-living facilities and helping the elderly fill out their absentee ballots was a gold mine of votes. There are nursing homes where the nurse is actually a paid operative. They literally fill the ballot out for them."

The Democrat election theft expert steals elections by exploiting weak voter identification laws.

"The Democrat election theft expert would send operatives to vote in polling stations, particularly in States likes New Jersey and New York that do not require voter ID."

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The Democrat election expert describes how he deploys his election theft team:

You fill out these index cards with that person's name and district, and you go around the city and say: You are going to be him. You are going to be him.

At the polling place, the fake voter would sign in and vote.

The imposters re-create the signature that already appears in the voter roll as best they could. In the rare instance that a real voter had already signed in and cast a ballot, the impersonator would just chalk it up to an innocent mistake and bolt.

The Democrat election theft expert steals elections at homeless shelters, which offer a nearly inexhaustible pool of reliable—buyable—voters.

Laughing at the roughly \$174 per vote Mike Bloomberg spent to win his third mayoral term, he said he could have delivered the same result at a 70 percent discount.

Madam Speaker, voter fraud and election theft increasingly rot at the foundation of America's republic: our elections.

Voting by illegal aliens and other noncitizens is rampant and flipping elections because socialist Democrats have made it illegal to require proof of citizenship when illegal aliens and other noncitizens demand to be registered to vote.

This year, at a minimum, hundreds of thousands and, more likely, millions of illegal aliens and other noncitizens voted after Joe Biden openly promised amnesty and citizenship if he is elected President.

Vote-by-mail schemes are both horribly prone to voter fraud and illegal because they violate Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution and Congress' ensuing designation, with minor exceptions, of one 24-hour day as the election day during which citizens can vote. Congress could have but did not create an election week, an election month, or an election season.

Madam Speaker, the overwhelming and irrefutable evidence compels but one conclusion: If only lawful votes cast by eligible American citizens are counted, then Donald Trump won the electoral college.

In 1776 American patriot Thomas Paine said it best:

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country, but he that stands by it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

Madam Speaker, I urge all American patriots to join the fight for America and against dictatorial socialism. Why? Because America is worth fighting for.

As such, on January 6, 2021, provided the required one Senator joins me, I will move to reject electoral college submissions of all States whose election systems are so badly flawed as to render their vote submissions unreliable, untrustworthy, and unworthy of acceptance.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL ROE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, PHIL ROE, Representative of Tennessee's First District, as he chooses to end this chapter in his life and return to being a private citizen.

On television, many Americans are left with the impression that the U.S. House of Representatives is a place of constant combat. Naturally, over the past two centuries, the House has seen many great debates about the future of our Nation.

Debate at its essence is about passionately arguing for your preferred course of action. The beauty of the people's House and the reason that former Speaker Longworth described the House as coming nearer reflecting at all time the popular will than does any other individual or legislative body in this or any other country is that we debate in earnest, yet we do so with a premium on civility. But, alas, as I say, many Americans are left, based on the evening cable entertainment shows, with the opposite impression.

My experience over the past 6 years is that this Chamber is, in fact, a place where the great issues of the day are debated and where, through that work and debate, firm friendships are established. Those friendships extend across the aisle, across cultures, and across generations.

Over the past 6 years, I have come to have the greatest respect for one of my colleagues who, after 12 years, has elected to leave the House and return to that most basic title that we all hold with honor, that of citizen.

During the course of these years, I recognize my friend, PHIL ROE, Representative of Tennessee's First District, as a man of high character, immense intellect, and great loyalty. His loyalty to the people of the Tri-Cities of east Tennessee is shown in his daily spirit.

His loyalty, passion, and care for his fellow veterans have overflowed in his role as chairman of the House Vet-

erans' Affairs Committee and currently as ranking member. He has never forgotten his service in the U.S. Army in the Medical Corps, where he was stationed in Korea.

He has never forgotten his constituents, who enjoy a livelihood in the thriving region in and around Johnson City, Tennessee.

For three decades, prior to coming to Congress, PHIL was an OB/GYN. He claims, Madam Speaker, that his terrific record of public service and local office, including being mayor of Johnson City, were essential to his preparation for and success in earning a seat in Congress. But we all know better, Madam Speaker. We know that simply delivering the vast majority of your constituents is a surefire way to be successfully elected.

As a Christian, PHIL sets a high standard and is a stalwart in the annual National Prayer Breakfast preparation and our weekly Thursday morning bipartisan fellowship, where he never hesitates to bring his guitar and share his musical talents. There must be something in the water in Bristol, Tennessee, home of country music.

It is true that PHIL and I bonded over critical national defense policy, accountability and excellence in care for our veterans, and his solutions for market-based policies that would lead to more affordable healthcare for all Americans. But we grew up as Scouts, so our real mutual love is for the outdoors. To this day, decades later, we share a love of backpacking, camping, and hiking in the mountains.

In fact, in 2019, both of us were so excited that Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, new national wilderness areas in each of our districts. For me, I was able to add acreage to Flatside Wilderness and commence a formal study of the area. For PHIL, it was adding nearly 20,000 acres of some of the wildest pockets of Cherokee National Forest in east Tennessee to the wilderness system.

We both share an amazing affection for that long day at high-altitude above the treeline. One evening in Maine, after a delicious dinner, we agreed, hey, let's get up in the morning and go climb the highest mountain on the eastern seaboard and hike the end of the Appalachian Trail. We will climb and retrace the steps of Henry David Thoreau's attempt to climb Mount Katahdin.

Sure enough, we were true to our word. We got up at 3 a.m. and drove from the coast to the trailhead, arriving at 7 a.m. We spent one of the most memorable days on the trail that I can recall. The summit of Mount Katahdin was pea soup, but you can tell from our smiles that the long trek up and down was worth every step.

Congressman ROE, you have fought the good fight. You have kept the faith. And like every good Scout, you have left your campsite cleaner than when you found it. Now it is time for a few less cross fires and a few more late-night campfires.

Martha and I wish you and Clarinda; your combined families; your three kids, Whitney, John, David; and their families many, many happy days on the trail in the years to come.

You will be missed here in the people's House. You will be missed by your friends. These Halls will be a little emptier without your smile, your voice, and your love expressed daily for the people of east Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING PAUL KRATZ ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a faithful public servant who served the city of Omaha for nearly 23 years.

Paul Kratz, who led the city's legal department as the city attorney, retired last week to spend his days with his wife of 47 years, Diane. He is also a wonderful friend of mine.

A 1975 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, Paul oversaw a staff of 35, including 24 attorneys, and negotiated redevelopment agreements and managed litigation. Originally hired by former Mayor Hal Daub, also a former Congressman here, he served during the administrations of Mayor Mike Fahey, Mayor Jim Suttle, and current Mayor Jean Stothert.

Mayor Stothert had this to say about Mr. Kratz:

Paul has been an important adviser, negotiator, and taxpayer advocate for more than two decades. He has guided mayors and city councils to make decisions that make Omaha the great and growing city it is today.

Former Mayor Suttle said this about him:

During my time as mayor, Paul Kratz always told me what I needed to hear, not necessarily what I wanted to hear. Out of this foundation came a strong relationship built on trust and honesty. In addition, it made me a better mayor and a better leader, especially as we led the city through the two major tragedies of a potential bankruptcy and the devastating 2011 Missouri River flood.

Former Mayor Daub said this:

Paul Kratz brought unique skills and a love of public service to Omaha city government. Always the gentleman, his calm and pleasant demeanor provided stability in his well-managed office and earns broad agreement of admiring his objectivity and wise advice. He understood and appreciated the political ramifications of legal advice, the value of compromise, and his insights and creative recommendations to a multitude of tough issues were always helpful. His talent and tenacity in public service is rare, and he will leave very large shoes to fill.

Paul Kratz may have been the man behind the curtain in negotiations, but his legacy will remain because of dozens of projects, including the CHI Health Center, the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, the TD Ameritrade Park, and the College World Series contract.

In addition, the legacy of service of the Kratz family continues with his

children. His youngest son, Gregory Kratz, practices law in Fairbury, Nebraska, and also serves as an officer in the Nebraska Air National Guard. Jeff Kratz, his oldest son, serves as my legislative director and has worked for many years serving the needs of Nebraska taxpayers.

Paul Kratz's dedication to Nebraska has touched countless lives, and his positive example has surely inspired another generation of his family to carry his torch for many years to come.

We thank him for his dedicated service to our city and wish him the best in future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING STEVE NELSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Steve Nelson, a man who has been at the forefront of Nebraska's booming agriculture industry and who retired on December 8 of this year as the president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, a position he has faithfully served since 2011.

A farmer his whole life, Steve has produced irrigated corn, hybrid seed corn, and soybeans at his farm near Axtell in south central Nebraska.

In his work with the Farm Bureau, both before and during his tenure as president, Steve has helped to secure farm bills and worked to reform and lower taxes to help protect farm and ranch families.

He has also fought to bolster animal agriculture against those who want to end it and sought initiatives to grow Nebraska's livestock industry.

While Texas and Nebraska may have had a rivalry on the football field, they also have held a rivalry in livestock. During Steve's time as president, Nebraska was ranked first for several years in commercial red meat production.

Steve has also advocated for Nebraska's agriculture industry to other countries, serving as a delegation member to Denmark, Japan, South Korea, Belgium, and many others.

I am sure his wife, Elma, a retired nurse, is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and is proud of the work he has done, as are his kids: Scott and his wife, Amy, who farm with Steve; and their daughter, Stacy, and her husband, Bobby, who live in Ashland. Sadly, their daughter, Sarah, passed away unexpectedly in 2006. Of course, his four grandchildren, I am sure, will spend more time with grandpa on the farm.

I thank Steve for advocating and bolstering Nebraska's agriculture industry. I thank him for his friendship and his counsel.

Madam Speaker, I wish Steve the best on his retirement from the bureau.

FAREWELL TO PHIL ROE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and colleague who will be retiring from Congress as the 116th Congress comes to a close. I have served with Dr. PHIL ROE since we came into Congress together as classmates in 2009.

PHIL represents the First Congressional District of Tennessee. His pathway to Congress includes being an Eagle Scout, veteran, mayor, and medical physician, delivering more than 5,000 of his future constituents.

PHIL and I have sat next to each other on the House Education and Labor Committee for 12 years. We started at the very end of the seniority seating and now sit prominently as senior members.

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Congressman ROE has left his mark serving the American people as chair and Republican leader of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He authored the MISSION Act, which ensures veterans have the ability to receive the best possible care now and in the future, and the Forever GI Bill, which ensures veterans won't lose access to the education benefits that they earned through their service.

Madam Chair, in his own words, Congressman PHIL ROE said it best: "I'll leave Congress at the end of the year knowing that our Nation's heroes are better served today because of our work."

Thank you, PHIL. And thank you to his wife, Clarinda, and their family for sharing PHIL with us. Best wishes for whatever the next chapter's adventures bring.

FAREWELL TO CONGRESSMAN GREG WALDEN

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, in 2018, Congressman GREG WALDEN won his 11th term in Congress to represent Oregon's Second Congressional District. When the 116th Congress ends, he will retire after 22 years of service to our Nation.

GREG graduated from the University of Oregon with a journalism degree and took over the operations of his father's radio station in Hood River—and added another—before winning his congressional seat in 1998.

In 2014 and 2016, he successfully chaired the National Republican Congressional Committee. GREG served as chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in the 115th Congress and currently serves as the Republican leader of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have worked with Congressman GREG WALDEN and share passions with him: his passion to improve forest management and lead reforms to make our Federal forests healthier, make our rural communities more financially solvent, and make our forests more resilient to climate change.

To his wife, Mylene, thank you for sharing this lifelong Oregonian, Eagle Scout, and great public servant with us.